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SUBJ: UNDER SYG BRIAN URQUHART'S APPEAL FOR US ASSISTANCE

1. UNDER SYG BRIAN URQUHART APPEALED URGENTLY BY PHONE FOR WHATEVER AMERICAN INTERVENTION IS POSSIBLE WITH THE TURKISH GOVT TO PREVENT AIR ATTACKS AGAINST THE FAMAGUSTA AREA. URQUHART SAID HE HAS BEEN ADVISED BY GENERAL PREM CHAND THAT ADVANCING TURKISH UNITS WITHIN 8 KMS OF FAMAGUSTA AND THAT TURKS ARE EXPECTED TO ENTER CITY TONIGHT OR TOMORROW A.M. IF TURKISH AIRCRAFT ATTACK TARGETS AHEAD OF ADVANCING COLUMNS, AS USUAL, URQUHART FEARS THERE WILL BE EXTREMELY HEAVY CIVILIAN CASUALITIES. FURTHER, HE FEARS HEAVY GREEK CYPRIOT TURKISH FIGHTING WITHIN WALLED CITY WHERE ABOUT CONFIDENTIAL

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10,000 TURKS LIVE. URQUHART SAID 250 SWEDISH UNFICYP

TROOPS IN FAMUGUSTA AREA WOULD BE POWERLESS TO INTERVENE IN EVENT OF WIDESPREAD HOSTILITIES, AND WOULD BE SERIOUSLY ENDANGERED.

- 2. URQUHART ALSO URGENTLY ASKED FOR ANY USG HELP IN ARRANGING CEASEFIRE IN NICOSIA URBAN AREA TO PREVENT FURTHER LOSS OF LIFE. I ADVISED HIM AMB DAVIES HAD ALREADY REPORTED ON THIS AND WE WOULD DO WHAT WE COULD.
- 3. URQUHART SAID CASUALTY TOLL OF UN FINNISH TROOPS HAS NOW REACHED 17 WOUNDED IN NICOSIA AIRPORT AREA. IN ADDITION, HE REPORTED THREE AUSTRIAN SOLDIERS RIDING IN UN MARKED CAR WERE KILLED TODAY BY TURKISH PLANE WHICH STRAFED VEHICLE. SCALI

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